

Donated lamb aids rehabilitation center

Becoming involved in the community is important to K mart 9059, Victorville, California. As one of their efforts to do just that, some employees attended the county fair livestock auction and bought a lamb which they donated to the Victory Outreach Men's Ranch.

The Victory Outreach Men's Ranch is a rehabilitation facility for men who have been former drug addicts, ex-convicts and have had other related problems. These men study the bible daily and rise at 5:30 AM. After completion of prayer at 9 AM they work on the ranch caring for the livestock and keeping the ranch spotless.

When the 9059 employees delivered the lamb the men were delighted with the contribution. The lamb was purchased for the auction from a local 4H chapter at \$1.25 per pound. The grand champion lamb went for \$7.25 per pound.

Monkeying around with Brad Hale and friend

Melissa and Libby are just about as jealous as two monkeys can be. Their owner, Bradley Hale, K mart 4313, York, Pennsylvania, has to attend to them separately for fear that they might get nasty with each other, while vying for Hale's affections.

"Libby is six and Melissa is eight years old. They didn't grow up together, so that's why they don't get along. If they had grown up around each other, they would have learned to tolerate each other," Hale says. "They love only one person and put all their trust and love into that one person. They tolerate my wife, even though she's the one who feeds them, but they love me. When we left them at the vet's recently while we went on vacation, the vet said he had never seen anything like it when I came to pick the monkeys up. They started hugging me and kissing me. He just couldn't believe it."

Hale and his wife live in an old farmhouse on a six acre homestead. Not only do they have monkeys, but they care for peacocks, chickens, geese, goats, ducks, cats, dogs and a donkey.

But Libby and Melissa are Hale's mainstay in the pet department. "I've never seen anything as entertaining as these monkeys. I got



Libby, under pretty

Melissa—helping to move grass, below; Libby—near off time, below right



them because I am also a clown and thought that they would be good to use in my act."

He takes them to parades, children's hospitals, convalescent homes and once in a while he might even show up at 4313 with a monkey in tow.

"I only take one monkey with me when I go. My wife makes clown suits for them and I dress them up in those."

Hale is a white faced, happy clown named Lum. He does his clowning as much as he can, which means trying to get out at least once a month. He has done as many engagements as 50 in one year. He belongs to the Clown Club of America, the P.O.N.Y. Clown Club, the Tall Cedar Clown Club and the local White Rose Clown Club of York.

At home, when the Hale's aren't having company for dinner, they allow Melissa and Libby to eat at the table with them. "They eat with a spoon and drink out of a cup. For dinner, they eat whatever we are eating. My wife always makes a little extra for them. But they do need vitamin supplements, too. Their favorite foods are mashed potatoes and raw tomatoes."

A leash is always connected from the monkey to Hale's hand, and it's because he is not sure whether or not the monkeys will run away. "I just don't trust that they would come back, so I keep a leash on them. I wouldn't want to take a chance."

A member of the Simeon Society of America, Hale and other monkey owners gather to discuss behaviour and better health care for their pets. Currently, they are discussing the misuse of monkeys in laboratory experiments.